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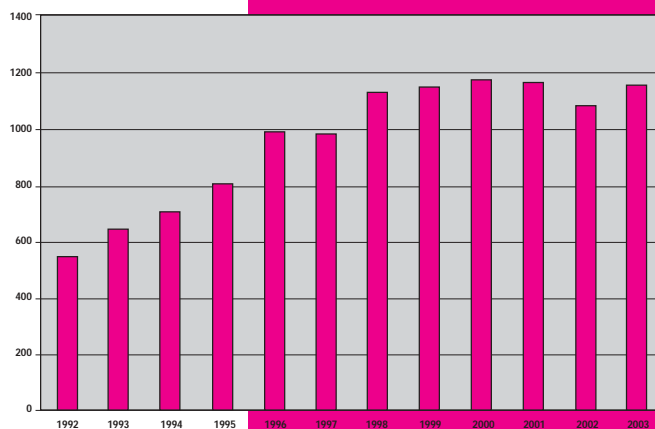
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Time for another "Construction Weather Report." From time to time we publish statistics on the state of construction activities in the state of Louisiana. Please look at the trends of the licensing of state commercial and residential contractors, which indicate a stable and slightly upward trend in the year to year volume of license applications received and licenses issued. Will this continue? Statistics say it probably will, at least for the short term.

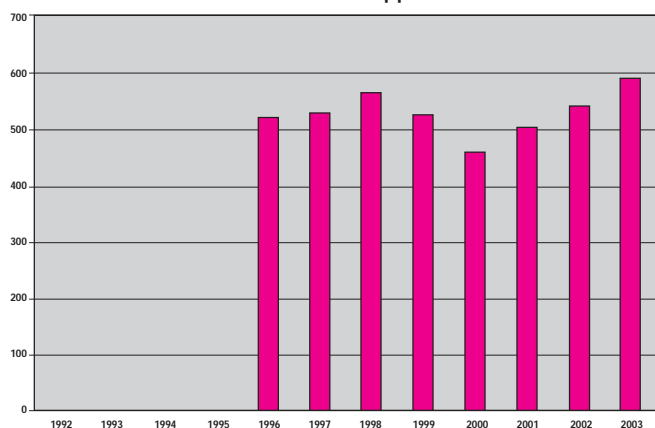
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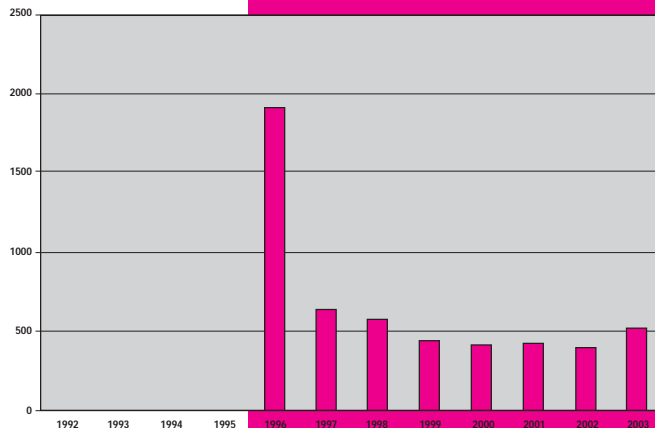
**New Commercial Licenses Issued**



**New Residential Applications**



**New Residential Licenses Issued**



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Please keep in mind that two new laws passed during the 2003 legislative session will be in effect and enforced in 2004:

### ACT 1146 OF THE 2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

Act 1146, the home improvement registration act, requires the registration of all home improvement contractors, renovators, and remodelers who bid and perform work valued at \$7,500 or more. These contractors, whether self-employed or not, must register with the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, which involves completing a home improvement registration application form, paying a \$50 registration fee, and providing proof of worker's compensation insurance. The registration is valid for one year from the date of issuance and must be renewed annually at a cost of \$50.

Penalties for failing to register when performing such bidding or contracting work valued at \$7,500 and above may result in a penalty of up to 25% of the total contract value for each occurrence. The Board has allowed a window of amnesty, or grace period, until March 1, 2004 to begin active enforcement of ACT 1146. It is the Board's hope that all

303 city, town, and village permitting offices will continue to cooperate with the Board and aggressively assist us in communicating the new law which has been effect since August 15, 2003.

### ACT 880 OF THE 2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

All mold remediation contractors must be licensed by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors. In essence, this law requires all mold assessment/mold remediation contractors to obtain a license with the Board to be able to bid and perform work in the amount of \$1.00 or more on projects involving mold remediation. There is a twenty-four (24) hour mold training requirement and an additional four (4) hour unfair trade practices and consumer protection training requirement. ACT 880 goes into effect on July 1, 2004.

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## Disciplinary Actions of State Licensing Board

**June 2003**

### **Commercial**

#### **Big River Construction & Remodeling Co., Inc.**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to satisfy judgement.  
Action: Allowed sixty (60) days to satisfy judgement or license automatically suspended. Judgement satisfied.

#### **Aqua Pool Renovations, Inc.**

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.  
Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

#### **Elmwood Contractors, Inc.**

New Orleans, Louisiana

Allegation: Bidding without possessing a Louisiana state contractor's license.  
Action: Case dismissed.

#### **Theron Starnes**

Natchitoches, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.  
Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

#### **Embree Construction Group, Inc.**

Georgetown, Texas

Allegation: Entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.  
Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

#### **Robert Wayne Yoho**

Brooksville, Florida

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.  
Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

#### **MEP Services, LLC**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.  
Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

#### **F. D. Shay Contractor, Inc.**

Sulphur, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.  
Action: Found guilty. Building Construction classification removed from license until qualifying party replaced.

#### **Rob't J. Baggett, Incorporated**

Mobile, Alabama

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.  
Action: Found guilty. License revoked.

#### **Duratherm, (FSG) Inc.**

Stafford, Texas

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.  
Action: Found guilty. License revoked.

#### **G & M Barge Rental & Marine Sales, Inc.**

Slidell, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.  
Action: Found guilty. Allowed thirty (30) days to register a qualifying party. License surrendered.

#### **International Well Testers, Inc.**

Lafayette, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.  
Action: Found guilty. Allowed thirty (30) days to register a qualifying party. License suspended.

#### **L & B Industries**

Dupont, Georgia

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.  
Action: Found guilty. Allowed thirty (30) days to register a qualifying party. License suspended.

#### **Modern Continental South, Inc.**

Pelzer, South Carolina

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.  
Action: Found guilty. Allowed thirty (30) days to register a qualifying party. License suspended.

#### **Petra Environmental, Inc.**

Houston, Texas

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.  
Action: Found guilty. Allowed thirty (30) days to register a qualifying party. License suspended.

**June 2003**

### **Residential**

#### **Scott Stephens**

Abita Springs, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.  
Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

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### **Willingham Construction Company**

Grand Isle, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

**Action:** Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

### **Larry Gilliam Construction Company, Inc.**

Longview, Texas

**Allegation:** Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

**Action:** Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

### **David T. Graham**

Moreauville, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

**Action:** Accepted guilty plea. No fine assessed.

### **Richard G. Authement**

Lake Charles, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

**Action:** Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

### **Kyle M. Lyons**

Sulphur, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

**Action:** Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

### **Gast Construction, LLC**

Mandeville, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Harmon Homes, Inc.**

Lafayette, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Miller & Hogg Construction Co., Inc.**

Minden, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Panepinto, Inc.**

Hammond, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **B.E. Rice Construction Company**

West Monroe, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Nam Vo**

Gretna, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Harbour Construction Management Services, LLC**

New Orleans, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Jonathon Bolar**

Gretna, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Philip Cochran Construction Company**

Ponchatoula, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Howell Construction, LLC**

Mandeville, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Lindsey Construction, LLC**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

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### **R.C. McBroom**

Monroe, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Prime Time Properties, Inc.**

Denham Springs, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Tracy L. Shirley Builder, LLC**

Denham Springs, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Virga Contractors, LLC**

Meraux, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Craftsman Specialty of Baton Rouge, Inc.**

LaPlace, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance coverage.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Davidson Brothers, Inc.**

Holden, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability and worker's compensation insurance coverages.

Action: Guilty plea. Allowed fifteen (15) days to provide proof of coverages. License cancelled.

### **Osborne Construction, Incorporated**

Harvey, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability and worker's compensation insurance coverages.

Action: Found guilty. Allowed fifteen (15) days to provide proof of coverages. License cancelled.

### **Norman Whitaker**

St. Francisville, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability and worker's compensation insurance coverages.

Action: Found guilty. Allowed fifteen (15) days to provide proof of coverages. Proof of coverages provided.

### **July 2003**

#### **Commercial**

### **Church-Dailing Company, Inc.**

New Orleans, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

### **Roy M. Carubba**

Metairie, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

### **Post Tension Slabs, Inc.**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

### **Pinnacle Construction Services, Inc.**

Franklin, Tennessee

Allegation: Contracting with unlicensed subcontractors to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

### **Wilford D. Carter**

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

### **American Construction & Equipment, Inc.**

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to satisfy judgement.

Action: Found guilty. License surrendered.

### **American Construction & Equipment of the South, Inc.**

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Allegation: Problems relating to ability to engage in the business of contracting in the State of Louisiana.

Action: Found guilty. License surrendered.

### **Oden Metro Turfing, Inc.**

Waskom, Texas

Allegation: Failure to satisfy judgement.

Action: Found guilty. License revoked.

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## Disciplinary Actions of State Licensing Board

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### **Green Head Construction Company, Inc.**

Waskom, Texas

Allegation: Failure to satisfy judgement.

Action: Found guilty. License revoked.

### **American Systems Corporation (of Virginia)**

Chantilly, Virginia

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Found guilty. License revoked.

### **Bayou Welders, Inc.**

Golden Meadow, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Found guilty. License revoked.

### **Carlson Implementation Associates, Inc.**

Framingham, Massachusetts

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Found guilty. License revoked.

### **Carolina Door Controls, Inc.**

Covington, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Found guilty. Qualifying party replaced.

### **CEI Roofing, Inc.**

Dallas, Texas

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Found guilty. Qualifying party replaced.

### **Chavez Construction Company, Inc.**

Houston, Texas

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Found guilty. License revoked.

### **RIG Telephones, Inc.**

Scott, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Found guilty. Classification of Building Construction removed from license until qualifying party replaced.

### **Sherwin Williams Company**

Cleveland, Ohio

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Found guilty. Classification of Specialty: Stone, Granite, Slate, Resilient Floor Installation, Carpeting removed from license.

### **Watkins Engineers & Constructors, Inc.**

Tallahassee, Florida

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Found guilty. Classification of Heavy Construction removed from license.

### **August 2003**

#### **Commercial**

### **Sabine Gas Operating Company**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: No Contest plea. Settlement offer accepted.

### **L B Electric, LLC**

West Monroe, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings and placed on six (6) months probation.

### **Thorn Communications**

Monroe, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

### **Invensys Building Systems, Inc.**

Loves Park, Illinois

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Found guilty. Classification of Mechanical Work Statewide removed from license.

### **August 2003**

#### **Residential**

### **Eddie Schmidt, Sr.**

Covington, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

### **Danny Ray Ryals, Sr.**

Calhoun, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Guilty plea. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

### **Robert Atkinson**

Tickfaw, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

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### **Tim McDonald / New Age Homes, Inc.**

Chalmette, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Constructing multiple residences in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

**Action:** Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings, and cease and desist order issued.

### **Tim Odom**

Rayville, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

**Action:** Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

### **Richard Graves**

Hammond, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

**Action:** Guilty plea. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

### **Ragan Schmidt**

Hammond, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

**Action:** Guilty plea. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

### **Jensen Builders, Inc.**

Metairie, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Allowed thirty (30) days to provide proof of insurance or surrender license. Proof of coverage provided.

### **Bill D. Spiers Homebuilders, LLC**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. License surrendered.

### **Dennis Vanicor Construction, Inc.**

Lacassine, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Surrender license or license renewal will be withheld until proof of coverage provided. License renewal on hold.

### **Kevin Marino**

Covington, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. Fined, license suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Vaughn Sanders**

Leesville, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. Fined, license suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Oneil J. Cormier, Jr.**

Lafayette, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current general liability and worker's compensation insurance coverages.

**Action:** Found guilty.. License surrendered.

### **D.W.V., Inc.**

St. Gabriel, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current general liability and worker's compensation insurance coverages.

**Action:** Found guilty. Fined, license suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **T.F. Hardin Construction, LLC**

Zachary, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain current general liability and worker's compensation insurance coverages.

**Action:** Found guilty. Fined, license suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Gaines & Gaines, Inc.**

Alexandria, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

**Action:** Found not guilty.

### **Clement's Construction, Inc.**

Bayou Vista, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

### **Hayes Development, Inc.**

Metairie, Louisiana

**Allegation:** Failure to maintain general liability insurance coverage.

**Action:** Found guilty. License suspended and cease and desist order issued.

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